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1. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL RECENT OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK WITH
TURKISH OFFICIALS AT NATO ABOUT THE UPCOMING SUMMIT AND
LIFTING THE EMBARGO. AMBASSADOR TALKED WITH DEFENSE
MINISTER ISIK AT THE JUST COMPLETED MAY 18-19 DPC
MINISTERIAL AND TO TURKISH PERMREP KIRCA, WHILE DCM HAS
BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH TURKISH DCM BALKAR.

2. WE HAVE TAKEN LINE THAT WASHINGTON SUMMIT REPRESENTS
A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY WHICH SHOULD NOT BE MISSED TO
FURTHER OUR COMMON EFFORT TO REPEAL THE EMBARGO. WE HAVE
STRESSED THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND OTHER TURKISH
LEADERS WILL BE ABLE IN WASHINGTON TO EXPLAIN THEIR
POSITION IN DETAIL AND LENGTH TO LEADING AMERICANS IN AND
OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS. WE NOTED ECEVIT
POSITION AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN AND FACT HE WILL JOIN
PRESIDENT AND LUNS IN MAKING SPEECHES AT OPENING CEREMONY
PROVIDE HIM WITH SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO REACH WIDER US
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AUDIENCE. ACCORDINGLY, SUMMIT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR PROGRESS, NOT A HOSTILE CHALLENGE OR TEST.
WE HAVE ALSO MADE POINT REPEATEDLY THAT IN RECENT KEY
FOREIGN POLICY CONGRESSIONAL DECISIONS, EGYPTIANS, SAUDIS
AND PANAMANIAN HAVE HELPED THEIR CAUSE BY MODERATION
AND CIRCUMSPECTION. WE COUNSELLED TURKS TO ADOPT A
SIMILAR STANCE.

3. TURKS HAVE LISTENED TO THESE POINTS RECEPTIVELY. WE HAVE
ALSO IMPRESSED ON LUNS AND PETRIGNANI THE NEED TO MAKE
THEM TO ECEVIT WHILE THE LATTER IS IN BRUSSELS THIS WEEK.
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